



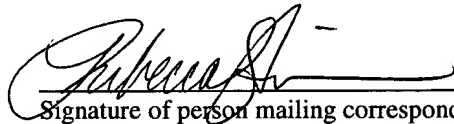
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

In reply to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.111, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment and Reply in the above-identified case.

In the Claims.

Please cancel Claims ~~2, 5, 22, 23, and 26.~~